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JERUSALEM, May 1 (P)—The regular armies of Arab nations of the Middle East invaded Palestine today, striking in the north and south with troops and armored forces, Jewish and Arab sources said.

These accounts said that Syria, Lebanon and Egypt had sent powerful military formations sweeping across the border at dawn Saturday, fifteen days before he termination of the British mandate over the Holy Land.

Saudi Arabia, Trans-Jordan and Iraq were reported ordering troops to the battle zone or completing

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final preparations for the drive

against the Jews.

A Damascus dispatch said that the Syrian Army apparently threw half its entire strength into the invasion. The big Syrian camp at Katana was almost completely emptied by a lightning military movement. A few days ago 6,000 regulars and a few hundred volunteers were based there. Residents of the area said the troops and

guns had "gone to Palestine."
Sources in Cairo, Egypt, who
wished to be described as unofficial, said the Egyptian Army struck across the southern Palestine border into the desert last

midnight.

Arab dispatches to Damascus said King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan had ordered the simultaneous invasion of the Holy Land by the armies of the six Arab countries.

The Haganah gave the following description of the operations in

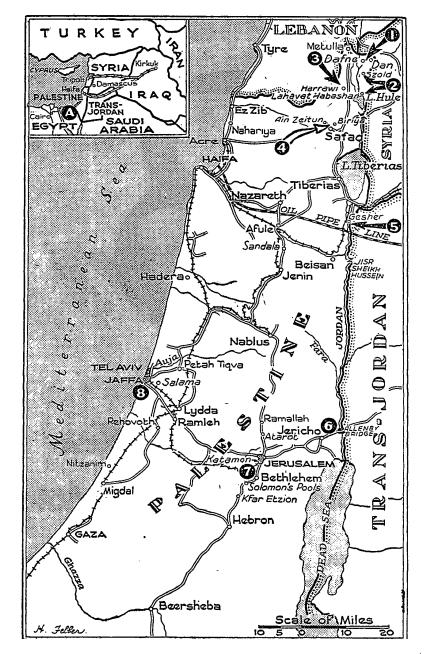
northern Palestine:

The invasion was made into the thumb of the Holy Land that juts northward between Syria and Lebanon. One invading force crossed the Lebanese frontier and the other moved across the Syrian border a few miles away.

Fighting their way forward, the Arab armor reached the defense rings around Dafne, Dan and Ramat Naftali. Dafne and Dan are adjacent villages located two to three miles inside Palestine from the Syrian frontier. Ramat Naftali, to the southwest, is four miles inside Palestine from the Lebanese frontier.

"The attackers are using guns, mortars, machine-guns and armored cars," the Haganah said. "At Ramat Naftali six Lebanese tanks have reached the settlement defenses."

[A Haganah broadcast, reported by the United Press, said two Arab villages near Safed had been occupied by Jewish forces. Safed is in northeastern Palestine, about ten miles from the Syrian and Lebanese frontiers. At the same time it was reported that the Arab Legion was continuing to attack Gesher. 1



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Syrian regulars were reported to have crossed the border and to have attacked Dan and Dafne (1), Szold and Lahavat Habashan (2) and other settlements, while Lebanese forces claimed the capture of Harrawi (3). The Jews said they had repelled the assaults and had occupied Ain Zeitun and Biriya (4). The Arab Legion was reported continuing to attack Gesher (5). The Arabs reopened the road from Jericho (6) to Jerusalem by repairing a blasted bridge. Jerusalem itself (7) was quieter, although Katamon and other western sections were shelled by the Arabs. In Jaffa (8) Haganah took over the area that had been won by Irgun Zvai Leumi. Reports that Egyptian troops had invaded southern Palestine (A on inset) were unconfirmed.